FIG Regional Conference will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal 13-16 November 2024. On 13 November a Young Surveyors meeting will be held bringing together young surveyors from the region with a special programme. Included in their registration are also the two main conference days on 14-15 November. On 16 November a social/technical tour has been planned in and around Kathmandu.

It is the first time since 2009 that FIG is hosting a regional conference in the Asian region. The theme is: Climate Responsive Land Governance and Disaster Resilience: Safeguarding Land Rights and the main objective of the event is to build knowledge and capacity in the Asian region to address climate change and disaster-induced challenges in safeguarding land rights of vulnerable communities, emphasizing the critical role of land governance and disaster resilience.

The second objective is to foster collaborative partnerships among national and regional institutions, academics, and professionals from various organizations, including non-state actors, Non-Government Organization (NGOs) and private sector, to facilitate multi stakeholder dialogues, knowledge sharing and technology transfer at the regional level.

Keynote speaker in the Inaugural Ceremony will be Mr. Mika-Petteri Torhonen. He is the Global Lead on Land of the World Bank based in Singapore. He is a Land Surveyor specialized in tenure security and land registration programs since early 1990's. He leads the World Bank's professional Community of Practice of land administration specialists and Mika has been instrumental in developing the World Bank's investment lending and knowledge operations portfolio in land and geospatial system modernization. A publication with an action-oriented resolution from the conference will be published after the conference.

FIG Foundation is **offering 3 grants for Young Surveyors** from the region. Application deadline is **20 September 2024.**

- 02. Interested Young Surveyors should meet the following qualifications to apply for the conference on or before **13 September 2024.**
 - <u>Age</u>: 35 years or below
 - Progress: Must have achieved 100% progress in their respective field
 - <u>Trade Union:</u> Not involved in any trade union actions